

DISCUSSION CUES

Serve Impactfully: Being a Servant Leader Like Jesus

November 6th

Key Bible Passages:

When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ – Matthew 25:31-40

Head (Understanding)

- How does Jesus’ example of servanthood in Matthew 25:35-40 challenge traditional views of leadership? *Consider how Jesus’ focus on “the least of these” redefines greatness in terms of service rather than authority or status.*
- What is meant by the term “upside-down kingdom,” and how does it relate to serving others? *Discuss the implications of Jesus’ teachings on power, status, and humility in a society often focused on success and self-promotion.*

FAITH IN ACTION

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- How does trauma-informed care align with Jesus' command to serve "the least of these"? *Explore the approach of recognizing people's experiences and challenges rather than judging them. How does this perspective foster empathy and deeper understanding in serving others?*

Heart (Reflection)

- How does the idea of everyone having moments as "the least of these" impact your view of serving others? *Reflect on times when you were in need and how those experiences might influence your ability to serve others with empathy and compassion.*
- What feelings arise when you consider the cost of following Jesus' model of sacrificial service? *Consider how standing up for others or engaging in challenging forms of service might impact your comfort, reputation, or relationships.*
- How does the idea that "when you serve others, you serve Jesus" transform your attitude toward serving people in need? *Reflect on how this understanding might inspire you to view acts of service as expressions of worship and love toward Christ.*

Hands (Action)

- What are some ways you can start serving "the least of these" in your everyday environment? *Identify practical steps to serve in your workplace, neighborhood, or community, even if it's in small but meaningful ways.*
- How can you practice servant leadership in your daily life or interactions, regardless of your formal role or title? *Think about small acts of humility, such as listening well, offering help, or putting others' needs before your own, and how these can reflect Jesus' example.*
- What might it look like to engage with social justice issues as an expression of servant leadership in your community? *Consider ways you can participate in or advocate for social causes that align with Jesus' call to serve, especially those related to justice, equality, and the dignity of all people.*